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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 9, 1995. See The American Inventor's Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/234,028
Filing Date	01/20/1999
First Named Inventor	Ronald T. Raines
Group Art Unit	1652
Examiner Name	R. Hutson
Attorney Docket Number	960296.95360

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Intelim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a.  Previously Submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fee**

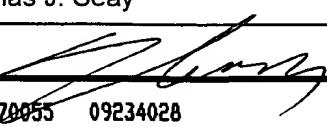
- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0055
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e);
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- Payment by Credit Card (form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Nicholas J. Seay	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,386
Signature		Date	September 19, 2002

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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Signature		Date	September 19, 2002

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Deposit Account Name Quarles & Brady LLP

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed:

Check  Credit Card  Money Order  Other

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370
106	330	206	165
107	510	207	255
108	740	208	370
114	160	214	80
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$.)00			

## 2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Independent	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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\*\* or number previously paid, if greater, For reissues see below

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109	84	209
110	18	210
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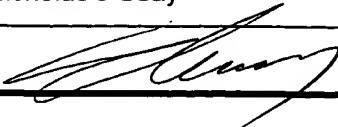
## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920	112	920 Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840	113	1,840 Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200 Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160 Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application	
141	1,280	241	640 Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
142	1,280	242	640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230 Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50 Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
146	740	246	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____				

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## SUBMITTED BY

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